(b) and (c) The Government has accorded sanction to the licensed manufacture of SU-30 MKI aircraft, its engines and accessories at HAL at a total cost of US $ 4809.3 million (Rs. 22122.78 crore at year 2000 price level and at 1 US $=Rs. 46).

Accidents of Aircrafts and Helicopters

†808. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Air Force's aircrafts including helicopters that met with accidents during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 till date;

(b) the loss of life and property in these accidents; and

(c) whether Government have taken adequate precautionary measures to prevent such types of accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Fifty four (54).

(b) The details of loss of lives and property are as follows :—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Pilots killed	Civilians killed	Loss
2001-2002	09	03	200.41
2002-2003	07	23	5.258*
2003-2004	07	07	Not yet finalised

*Details have been finalised only for three aircraft.

(c) A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always afoot in Indian Air Force to prevent accidents. Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgement and situational awareness of pilots are being pursued.

Constant interaction with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) of concerned countries are also maintained to overcome the technical defects of aircraft.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.